

Billingshurst Wardens Monthly Report

June 2024

Patrol hours TOTAL:	105	ASB incidents TOTAL:	11
Foot (high visibility)	85	Noise	0
Vehicle	20	Neighbours	0
Notices/warnings TOTAL:	2	Driving/Vehicles/Bikes	11
Fixed Penalty Notice	0	Alcohol	0
Yellow card warning	0		
Community Protection Warning/Notice	0		
Parking alert	2	Clear up/disposal reports TOTAL:	28
Police reports TOTAL:	9	Fly tipping / flyposting	0
Phone (including 101 and 999)	0	Graffiti	0
Email	3	Dog fouling	0
Intelligence report	2	Litter	1
E-CINS (multi-agency reporting)	0	Drug litter	26
Verbal	4	Hazards	1
Media reports TOTAL:	7	Community events attended	5
Press release / Community magazines	1	School Contact	5
Social Media	6	Youth engagement	70+
Admin	18	Reports to DVLA	1
Vulnerable people welfare checks	9	Reports to Operation Crackdown	6
Signposting	14		

Key:

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

BTP – British Transport Police

101 – Police non-emergency reporting contact number

Operation Crackdown – Joint initiative with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police to report abandoned vehicles or anti-social driving

WSCC – West Sussex County Council

CEO – Civil Enforcement Officers who deal with parking offences

PSPO – Public Spaces Protection Order

SRCG - Station Road Community Gardens

LSRG - Lower Station Road Recreation Ground

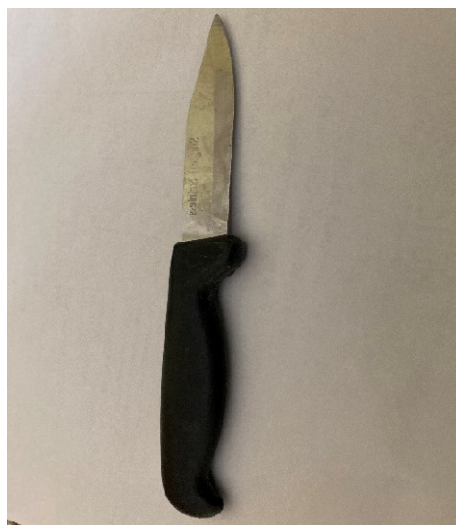
MOP - Member of the Public

HDC – Horsham District Council

A resident came across a lot of rubbish in Rosier Woods, including the disposable BBQ. No-one wants to stop people having fun and enjoying the beautiful woods and countryside that Billingshurst has to offer, however, please clean up after yourselves. The empty containers/packaging and food waste are a hazard to the wildlife and dogs/cats etc. Remember to take a bag with you and take your rubbish and food waste home or place in the nearest bin. We will be patrolling the woods and other areas now the weather is improving and so will the police. Thank you to the kind resident who cleared the area of the rubbish and food waste (and for the photos).



A resident called us about a knife they had come across close to Station Road, it had been concealed in a wall. If you come across any weapons, please let the police know immediately; take a photo, if possible, of where it was found and be directed by the police as to what to do with the weapon. If we can be advised of the find as well as this would assist us tremendously in our work.



There have been a few reports regarding a “Monkey Bike” being ridden around Coombe Hill, onto the High Street, back into Coombe Hill and into Manor Fields during the night-time hours of approximately 00.00 to 0100hrs. The riders have no lights on the bike and were not wearing a helmet putting other road users,

pedestrians and themselves at risk of harm. If seen please call police at the time for their attendance, information and also for patrols of the area.

On Sunday 9th June at approximately 7.14pm, a resident was injured by ball bearings possibly fired from a BB gun whilst walking by Costa in Billingshurst. The vehicle used is black with a roof rack on it. There is CCTV in the area and if you have ring doorbell/ CCTV/dashcam that may show the incident, or the vehicle involved, please call the police. This incident could have ended with a serious injury, or worse, so these offenders must be found before this happens.

A window was smashed in an empty building in Brookers Road on Thursday 26th June at around 4pm. A resident contacted the wardens to make us aware. We went and cleared the glass up and made the owner aware so the window could be boarded up.



[Parking and vehicles](#)

5 vehicles have been reported to Operation Crackdown for parking illegally in the High Street and in Penfold Grange.

2 drivers have been spoken to for parking on double yellow lines - both vehicles left the area to park legally. One driver was given words of advice and further information regarding parking in Stane Street and the action wardens can and cannot take. We also made them aware of the Warden Reports which can be found on the Parish Website.

One parking alert was placed on a vehicle which was parked on a pavement causing an obstruction to other road users.

One vehicle has been reported to licensing for parking illegally in the village.

A vehicle was found parked off Stane Street/A29 layby with a female driver inside and not moving. We checked the driver who was found to be ok and was just resting.

A resident has reported street trading to us on the A272 near Coneyhurst. We have visited the area several times and this week we gave West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) further details which included a what 3 words location to assist them with their investigations.

One vehicle has been reported to DVLA for no tax .

[Fly Tipping/Littering/Graffiti, Community Engagement/Events/Meetings](#)

The 80th D-Day anniversary was remembered by the community of Billingshurst by an amazing luncheon at the Billingshurst Centre, where there was a quiz, raffle and our very own Rob Nicholls sang to us all. In the evening at 6.30pm the bells of St Mary's Church rang and the day ended at Adversane Green with the lighting of the beacon by the Billingshurst Parish Council Chairman, Ken Peters. The bagpipes played throughout the evening.



Derwent Lodge held a BBQ for their residents, families etc to which we were invited. The food was absolutely fabulous – our thanks to the chefs. We managed to speak to a few of the residents and their families, who all said how wonderful Derwent Lodge is and how amazing all the staff are.

We had a meeting at the Fire Station to discuss a plan for the summer holidays and we will also be working in partnership with the Billingshurst fire crew when they are free.

The WI had a Land Army talk on Thursday 13th June and were interested to learn that the Women's Land Army was started during the First World War to cope with the shortage of male workers who had joined up. The Land Army was reinstated during World War Two. Their efforts made a significant contribution to boosting food production during the war by doing jobs such as: milking cows, lambing, managing poultry, ploughing, gathering crops and digging ditches. Some were even employed as rat catchers whilst others worked with the Timber Corps chopping down trees and running the sawmills. To hear what they did and how they fed the country was truly inspirational.

Nigel Powell from Community Link came to the Friday Coffee Morning to talk about the various community alarms they have. Two of the group signed up for a community alarm and will be seen at home soon.

If you would like any information about Community Link please contact the team on:

01403 215 230

community.link@horsham.gov.uk

We attended the Billingshurst Show on Sunday 30th June. It was an amazing afternoon with lots of stalls and displays. It was so lovely to see the community come and support the event and everyone had a good time including us, the Wardens.

There have been 26 pieces of drug litter found in places such as parks including Manor Fields, Cherry Tree Park, Newman Way Park, the park by Challen Street, Jubilee Fields, and also behind and in front of the Billingshurst Centre.

We have reported the overflowing bins at the back of the Jengers Mead shops. If you notice any bins that are overflowing, including dog bins, please report this to Horsham District Council.

HDC now has a new mobile App that can be used to report things such as dog bin issues, fly tipping, graffiti, litter bin issues, missed bin collection and so much more. See below for the link.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp>

Patrols (foot/visible and car)

We go out on foot patrols daily so that residents can stop and speak to us about any issues that they are having or just to have a chat. We also visit businesses, shops, the school, the railway station etc. to see if there are any issues we can help with.

Whilst on foot patrol on Wednesday 5th June we were stopped by a resident who wanted to know about our role and what it was that we do; they were quite impressed with the variety of things we deal with. If you ever see us out and about and want to have a chat please stop us and say hello.

We also conduct car patrols for the purposes of fly tipping and to cover the outer areas of Billingshurst such as Adversane and Five Oaks. We try to conduct these patrols twice a week so we can keep a close eye on the areas that tend to suffer with fly tipping.

We patrolled Jubilee Fields and spoke to several dog owners who have said there haven't been too many issues in the last few weeks, which is good news.

We have been patrolling Daux Wood and the fields after reports of a male hanging around. We have been to the area at different times of the day but have not seen the male. This had been reported to police by the resident.

Whilst conducting a school patrol at Billingshurst Primary we spoke to the drivers of two vehicles parking illegally. Both vehicles were moved immediately by the drivers.

Our patrols also cover the ASB hotspots including the High Street, Jengers Mead, Jengers Passage, Mill Way toilets, the library, all the parks, Marringdean Acres and the Amblehurst Green Estate (both of which have previously had issues). If there any areas that you feel may need patrols, please let us know.

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Barry – 07795 051516

Julie – 07795 051529

Please try both phones if one of us doesn't answer, as one of us may be on a rest day or annual leave or email to our inbox as above.

Older, Vulnerable People and Youth

We make doorstep visits to check residents' Careline and smoke alarms. Whilst there, we also check to see if there are any other welfare issues that we can help with or signpost to the various agencies that are available and who have the experience to guide residents through the appropriate channels. We also go back and revisit the resident a couple of weeks later to check that they are ok and getting the help that they need.

We assisted the Police with a Missing Person search for someone that may have come to Billingshurst as they had lived here previously.

We were contacted by the Weald School about a young person who had gone missing, thankfully whilst on the phone they were found.

Dog Related Issues.

None have been reported to us this month. Please look at the link below as this will give you some guidance on reporting any issues.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/reprt/dog-attacks>

Cycling

There have been reports regarding bikes and E-scooters being ridden down the footpath from Amblehurst Green to Little East Street in a dangerous manner. The residents involved were abused when they asked riders to get off their scooters. We will patrol the area wherever possible, but please report this to the police as well.

Parish Specific/Other/Railway, Social Media/Press

We use social media quite a lot to advertise our Warden drop-ins, Parent Support Socials, Games Café and The Journey – The Autism and SEN group, among many other things as well.

We were invited by the Guides to go along on a litter pick with them. We went along to Lower Station Road Recreation Ground and Station Road Community Gardens and managed to pick up three black bags full of rubbish. I think the Guides enjoyed the challenge and enjoyed going around looking for litter.



It has been reported that there has been some cold calling in the Amblehurst Green area, offering to clean householders' paths etc

See posters below for advice given by West Sussex County Council regarding doorstep callers.

www.westsussex.gov.uk

DEALING WITH... DOORSTEP CALLERS

If someone you don't know offers to do work at your property, sell you goods or buy items from you say 'no thanks' and shut the door.

Why should I say NO to doorstep callers offering to do work at my property?

- They may pressurise or intimidate you to let them do work.
- You may not really need the work done.
- They may do a poor job.
- They may charge you far more than originally quoted.
- They may charge you far more than the job is worth.

- You may not get what you paid for.
- They may provide false names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Why should I say NO to doorstep callers offering to sell me goods or buy items from me?

- They may pressurise you to make a quick decision.
- Goods they sell may be overpriced, faulty or unsuitable for you.
- They may not offer you the true value of items they purchase from you.

AVOID THE COWBOYS

Always seek recommendations from friends, neighbours and family members and obtain more than one quotation before deciding who to employ to carry out work on your property. Consider using a Trading Standards approved 'Buy With Confidence' trader. Visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

REPORTING FRAUD AND OBTAINING ADVICE

- If you, or someone you know, is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud contact Sussex Police on 101.
- To report fraud or attempted fraud, call 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk
- For consumer advice, or to report a concern to Trading Standards, contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0800 223 1133.

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On Tuesday the 11th of June we held our first Coffee Morning in Adversane Hall for local residents. We weren't sure how many people would turn up. However, we were quietly surprised when nine people

arrived including County Councillor Amanda Jupp. The time went very quickly with all the chatting. The next Coffee Morning is planned for Tuesday 9th July between 10.30am to 12Midday and all are welcome. Tea/coffee and biscuits included.



On Monday 17th June we held our third The Journey – SEN and Autism session. It was a small but very articulate and supportive group where lots of issues were discussed and each of the parents were able to share their journey regarding the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). A EHCP is a legal document which sets out a child/young person’s special educational, health and social care needs.

Lucy, a support worker from ASPEN, was on hand to help with questions and signposting the parents to the appropriate agencies.

The next The Journey – SEN and Autism session is on Monday 15th July between 09.30 to 10.30am (door will be open from 09.00am) at The Depot at 83A High Street next door to The Women’s Hall.

The Games Café is on Friday 19th July at The Depot between 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

The next Warden Drop – in is on Saturday 20th July in Jengers Mead between 10.00am to 12 Midday. So, if you have any community issues you would like to discuss, then please come along and see us.

“We work various shifts on weekends and weekdays between the hours of 0800am and 9pm. However, this is subject to change and dependent on the needs of the parish”.